

PAUL ALTON PETERSON

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Paul Alton Peterson, third child of George Samuel and Josephine Stoddart Peterson, was born January 2, 1907, in Lehi, Utah. His grandparents were Mathias and Adeline Rhodes Peterson, and Robert and Ada Steele Stoddart, early pioneers.

He was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Elder William F. Gurney and confirmed by Elder James Kirkham, February 6, 1915. He was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood February 24, 1919, by George S. Peterson who also ordained him a Teacher January 10, 1921, and a Priest March 9, 1924. He received the Melchizedek Priesthood from Elder Rodney C. Allred, August 19, 1928, prior to his departure to the British Mission where he served in Wales ten months, and president of the Manchester District fourteen months. He was ordained a High Priest December 2, 1934, by President Heber J. Grant and served three years as a Bishop's Counselor. He was ordained Bishop of the Burlingame Ward by Elder Rudger Clawson, April 25, 1937. Following his release as bishop in April, 1945, he served as a member of the San Francisco Stake High Council for one year. At this time he is Chairman of the Burlingame Ward Finance Committee with plans completed for a \$175,000 chapel.

Mr. Peterson received his education at Lehi where he was president of the student body in 1925, graduated in 1926, and attended Brigham Young University during 1930 and 1931.

Mr Peterson married Dorothy Jensen of Salt Lake City, September 11, 1933. They have two sons; David A., and Gary B.